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Section II:**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the
SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS paragraph with the following paragraph:

A2 This application is related to Serial Number 09/714,726 (to be amended to include serial number when assigned), docket number AUS9-2000-0736-US1, filed by Leland James Wiesehuegel., et al, on November 16, 2000, which is commonly assigned.

A3 Please replace the INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE paragraph with the following paragraph:

A3 Application Serial Number 09/714,726 (to be amended to include serial number when assigned), docket number AUS9-2000-0736-US1, filed by Leland James Wiesehuegel., et al, on November 16, 2000, is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, including figures.

Kindly replace the paragraph starting on Page 4, line 15, beginning with "However, most sales offering and bid systems ...", with the following paragraph:

A4 However, most sales offering and bid systems conducted by manufacturers of goods or service providers are conducted under a different set of procedures and processes. Turning to Figure 2, a typical trader and broker system for offering and accepting bids is shown (20). In such a business-to-business ("B2B") offering and bidding process (20), a manufacturer or service provider (21) will notify one or more traders (24) of available products or services, quantities, and minimum acceptable bid values (22). The trader then provides offerings (23') to one or more brokers (25), to which the brokers may respond with bids (23). Because the manufacturer may make

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several offerings over time of the same product or products having very similar descriptive information, the currently available online auctioning systems would place an unacceptable burden on the manufacturer or trader to input redundant descriptive information each time a product is offered. For example, and a manufacturer of computer equipment may offer in March a quantity of computers having a 750MHz microprocessor and other configuration details. Under the current methods, the manufacturer and/or trader must input all of this descriptive information into the offering "catalog" database for brokers or bidders to review. Then, if in June, the manufacturer desires to make an offer of computers with 900 MHz processors and otherwise identical descriptive information, all of the information must be completely input into the offering catalog again.

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Section III:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the
DRAWINGS**

No amendments or changes to the Drawings are proposed.